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**Woman Sentenced to Prison for
Estranged Husband's Murder**

A 46-year-old woman was sentenced to 20 years to life in state prison after she was convicted of fatally stabbing her estranged husband, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Taraneh Saba, who prosecuted the case, said a jury on May 12 found Socorro Mora of Walnut guilty of second-degree murder, cruelty to an animal and corporal injury to spouse in case KA095882.

At sentencing, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Bruce Marrs ordered the defendant to pay restitution in the amount of \$8,112 to the victims compensation board and \$9,902 to the victim's brother for funeral expenses.

The prosecutor said on Sept. 13, 2011, Mora assaulted her husband, George Mora, 47. She then scratched herself claiming he attacked her.

Following the incident, George Mora obtained a restraining order against the defendant. He also was granted custody of their four children. Socorro Mora was ordered to move out of the family home, according to court testimony.

The day Socorro Mora moved out of the home and the family moved back in, the family dog was found stabbed to death. Additionally, the home was ransacked, the prosecutor added.

On Oct. 19, 2011, Socorro Mora broke into her husband's house, the prosecutor said. When George Mora arrived at the home, he encountered the defendant and a knife struggle ensued.

At that point, the defendant stabbed her husband 33 times. Three different knives were involved in the attack, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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